

REMARKS

Applicants have amended their claims in order to further clarify the definition of various aspects of the present invention. Specifically, Applicants have incorporated the subject matter of claim 8 into claim 13. Correspondingly, Applicants have cancelled claim 8 without prejudice or disclaimer, and have amended dependency of claim 9. In addition, Applicants have amended claim 14 to recite therein amount of amine polymer included in the cleaning composition, consistent with the description at page 8, lines 24-26 of Applicants' specification.

Initially, it is respectfully requested that the present amendments be entered. Noting indication of allowable subject matter in claim 8, made for the first time in the Office Action mailed November 3, 2005, it is respectfully submitted that the present amendments to the claims clearly materially limit issues remaining in connection with the above-identified application; and, as shown infra, present all remaining claims in condition for allowance. Clearly, the present amendments to the claims, incorporating allowable subject matter into claim 13, the sole remaining independent claim in the application, does not raise any new issues, including any issue of new matter. Again noting the indication of allowable subject matter made for the first time in the Office Action mailed November 3, 2005, it is respectfully submitted that the present amendments are clearly timely.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that Applicants have made the necessary showing under 37 CFR 1.116(c), for entry of the present amendments; and that, accordingly, entry of the present amendments is clearly timely.

The withdrawal of claim 12 from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, set forth in Item 1 on page 2 of

the Office Action mailed November 3, 2005, is noted. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider withdrawal of claim 12. Thus, claim 12 recites a method of using the cleaning composition in claim 13, such cleaning composition being clearly allowable over the teachings of the prior art in view of incorporation of the subject matter of claim 8 therein. As the cleaning composition patentably distinguishes over the prior art, clearly the method of using this cleaning composition as recited in claim 12 must patentably distinguish over the teachings of the prior art. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that rejoinder of claim 12 in the above-identified application, and allowance thereof, wherein claim 12 recites a method of use of the claimed composition, logically follows from and is consistent with allowance of the composition. Moreover, allowance of claim 12 in the above-identified application, under the present circumstances, where the composition is allowable, limits undue multiplication of patent applications and undue costs.

In any event, and noting the indication by the Examiner on page 2 of the Office Action mailed November 3, 2005, of election without traverse, Applicants retain rights to the filing of a Divisional application directed to the subject matter of claim 12, where claim 12 is cancelled from the above-identified application.

The objection to claims 3-6 under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as set forth on page 3 of the Office Action mailed November 3, 2005, is respectfully traversed, in view of the following. Thus, the Examiner contends that claims 3 and 6 "fail to further limit the weight percent of alkaline compound and organic solvent, respectively". However, note that the parent claim of claims 3 and 6, that is, claim 13, recites that the cleaning composition can include no alkaline compound and/or no organic solvent (that is, 0% by weight of an alkaline compound, and 0% by weight of an organic solvent). In contrast, claims 3 and 6 respectively recite that the cleaning composition

includes the alkaline compound, and includes the organic solvent, in an amount up to a specified amount. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claims 3 and 6 clearly further limit the subject matter of their parent claim 13, and that the objection to claims 3-6 under 37 CFR 1.75(c) is in error. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this claim objection is respectfully requested.

The rejection of claims under 35 USC 103(a), as set forth on pages 4-7 of the Office Action mailed November 3, 2005, is noted. For clarification of the record, while the Examiner rejects claims 1 and 2 on prior art grounds, claims 1 and 2 have previously been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

In any event, note that the Examiner has not rejected claim 8 on prior art grounds; and, in fact, has indicated that claim 8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Note the first paragraph on page 9 of the Office Action mailed November 3, 2005. In view of amendments to claim 13, the sole independent claim in the application, it is respectfully submitted that the prior art rejections on pages 3-7 of the Office Action mailed November 3, 2005, are moot.

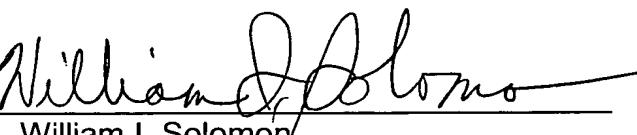
In view of the foregoing comments and amendments, entry of the present amendments, and reconsideration and allowance of all claims remaining in the application, are respectfully requested.

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